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Microsoft is a world class company that competes vigorously, but no more vigorously than its competitors that are complaining about Microsoft. Microsoft has simply delivered a better consumer value proposition and customers have responded by adopting the product as the best way to enhance their abilities and lives.

For consumers, the PC has delivered a huge platform upon which innovation occurs at a rapid pace and delivers new functions and vastly improve the way we live and work and play. The PC standard embodies AMERICAN VALUES of empowerment and access to information. The PC is a low cost solution that continues to be available to more and more people.

In the process of consumer empowerment, the PC has created a huge market, many wonderful companies, increased productivity and a large tax base. If anything, the federal and state governments of the US should be considering how they can assist MSFT to continue to establish computing standards in the USA rather than somewhere else or under the heavy influence of other super powers such as the EU.

The settlement will be tough on MSFT, but should be accepted by both sides and become a closed issue. The important issue to the American people is the quality of their lives. (strong economy, safety, employment) The PC industry advancing creates employment and a strong economy and may even help with advancing security as a smart device that can greatly enhance the capabilities of security workers.

Please drop further litigation and focus on building the economy and security of the USA.

Sincerely

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